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At the Court at *St. James's*, *Dec.* 17. 1703.

PRESENT,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER *Majesty taking into Consideration the great Loss sustained by the Families of such, as being in Her Majesty's Service at Sea have perished by the late Storm; Her Majesty, with the Advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to Order, as it is hereby Ordered accordingly, That the Widows and Families of such Commission and other Officers and Seamen as have perish'd by reason of the late Storm, in Her Majesty's Service at Sea, be Entituled to Her Majesty's Bounty in the same manner as if they had been actually kill'd in Fight, in Her Majesty's Service at Sea, according to the Establishment in that behalf. And his Royal Highness Prince* George *of* Denmark, *Lord High Admiral, is desired to give the necessary Direction herein accordingly.*

JOHN POVEY.

Geneva, *Dec.* 18. *N. S.* The Marshal *de Tesse* arrived here yesterday from *Dauphine*, in his way to the *French* and *Spanish* Army on the *Secchia*, whereof he is to have the chief Command, in the room of the Prince of *Vaudemont*, who is returned to *Milan*. We hear the *French* have possessed themselves a second time of the Town of *Annecy*; whereupon the Marquis *de Sales*, with the Forces under his Command, is marched towards the Country of *Chablais*.

Copenhagen, *Dec.* 22. Monsieur *Hubsch*, Auditor-General of the Forces of this Crown, died last week, and is succeeded by Monsieur *Wibergh*, the King of *Denmark*'s Envoy at *Vienna*. Monsieur *Jessen*, who was formerly Secretary of State, is appointed Envoy Extraordinary to the King of *Poland*, and will begin his Journey thither in few days. Yesterday the *Prussian* Envoy had Audience of the King, to notifie the Marriage of the Margrave *Albert* of *Brandenburgh* with the Princess of *Courland*. We have an Account from the *Sound*, That some *Swedish* Men of War, on board which were many of the *Saxons* who were in Garison at *Thoorn* at the taking of that Place, and were carrying Prisoners to *Sweden*, were cast away in the late Storm upon *Gothland*, and only 3 of the Men were saved. It is said, the 3 *Dutch* homeward-bound *East-India* Ships, which are lately put into *Norway*, have been tost between that Coast and the North of *Scotland* ever since *September* last, and so many of their Men have died in the Voyage, that they have not Hands enough left to sail them home.

Vienna, *Dec.* 19. Prince *Eugene* went hence the 10th Instant to *Presbourg*, in order to suppress the Rebellion in *Hungary*, and was met there by a great number of the Nobility of that Kingdom, with Offers of all the Assistance they are able to give towards reclaiming or reducing the Rebels; in order to which a Placart has been published here, for raising the 10th Man throughout the *Lower Austria*, who are to be maintained at the Expence of the Country during the continuance of these Troubles. The Count *de Traun*, Land Marshal of *Austria*, is drawing together a Body of Militia at *Orth*, to guard the Lines and Redoubts which are making on this side the River *March*, for the Security of the Frontiers of this Arch-Dutchy. A Battalion of the Regiment of *Bagni* marched by this Place two days ago towards *Presbourg*, and part of the Forces under General *Herbeville* are also commanded thither; so that we have reason to hope this Rebellion will soon be at an end, especially since we have Assurances from the *Ottoman Porte*, that they shall receive no Assistance or Encouragement from thence. They have not made any considerable Attempt since Prince *Eugene*'s Arrival at *Presbourg*. Letters from *Belgrade* say, the Grand Visier has voluntarily resigned his Office to the Bassaw of *Candia*, who was formerly a Commander at Sea in the Grand Signior's Service. The Count *de Kinsky* is made Deputy-Chancellor of *Bohemia*, and the Count *de Frise*, late Governor of *Landau*, General of the Artillery.

Francfort, *Dec.* 26. A Detachment of the *French* Forces on the *Upper Rhine* has laid Siege to the Castle of *Kirn*, within 5 Leagues of *Creutsnach*, the Garison whereof consists but of two Battalions, and it is believed will not be able to make any great Resistance. The Garison of *Augsbourg* marched out of that Place the 14th Instant, according to the Capitulation, with two Pieces of Cannon, and all other Marks of Honour, and was conducted to *Nordlingen*. The Elector of *Bavaria* has quartered 10000 Men, most of them *French*, in *Augsbourg*; and we are told that Town is to pay him 100000 Dollars to be exempted from Plunder, and 10000 Dollars to redeem their Bells. We hear the Elector is going to put his Forces into Winter Quarters, thô some think he intends first to attack the Town of *Nordlingen*.

Hamburgh, *Dec.* 28. The King of *Sweden*, since his possessing himself of *Elbing*, has given Orders for all the Inhabitants of that Place to bring in their Arms to the Senate-house, and has demanded of them a Contribution of 600000 Guilders. We hear the *Swedish* Fleet, which was homeward bound from the Coast of *Dantzick*, with the *Saxon* Forces on board, which were taken Prisoners at *Thoorn*, together with the Cannon and other things that the *Swedes* had got there, and in other Places belonging to the Crown of *Poland*, has suffered very much in the late dreadful Storm. Our first Advices were, that all the Transport Ships, and 4 Men of War, were cast away on the Coast of *Gothland*; But the Letters which came in this day from *Dantzick* say, that some of the Transports were returned upon that Coast; and the last Accounts from *Copenhagen* say, that others were got into *Blecking*.

Nanci, *December* 25. Letters from *Paris* say, the Count *de Marsin*, who was lately sent to command the *French* Forces in *Bavaria*, is made a Marshal of *France*; That the Marshal *de Villars* will be appointed to command the *French* Army on the *Upper Rhine*, in the room of the Marshal *de Tallard*, and the latter is to serve in the *Netherlands*, jointly with the Marshal *de Villeroy*. It is said, that the Succours which are to be sent from *France* and the *Netherlands*, to the Duke of *Anjou*'s Assistance, will consist of 27 Battalions and 17 Squadrons; and that a Detachment of 20 Battalions and 30 Squadrons of the *French* Forces is marching from the *Upper Rhine*